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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE	<u>Condemning Violence at Abortion Clinics</u>					SB	<u> </u>
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SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 14 proposes the New Mexico House of Representatives resolve that:

violence directed at abortion or contraceptive clinics shall never be tolerated in the state of New Mexico; and

federal, state and local law enforcement agencies be commended on their collaboration and quick response in arresting two of the suspects in the December violence; and

the state support the continued collaboration of all law enforcement agencies leading to the arrest, indictment and prosecution of these and any future suspects; and

copies of this memorial be transmitted to the Governor and to the Department of Public Safety for distribution to appropriate federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This bill has no fiscal impact. The request contained in the bill can be implemented within the agency's appropriated budget.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The bill cites the enactment of federal laws to protect the right of abortion and contraceptive clinics to provide services and deplors the increased incidence of violence and vandalism directed at clinics in recent years. Nationally, the bill states, in 2006, there were four hundred seventy-four incidents of violence directed at abortion clinics. In addition, the bill notes, incidents of violence and vandalism have been directed at abortion clinics in Albuquerque in March and May of 1999, December 6 and December 25, 2007. Historically, the bill notes that one hundred seventy-four incidents of arson and ninety-four incidents of attempted arson directed at abortion clinics and one thousand three hundred six incidents of violence on abortion clinics occurred in the last thirty years.